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Mrs. Mary L. Cottrell
Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, Second Floor
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RE: MECO “Now is the Time to Choose” Program

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

This letter is in response to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy’s notice of filing and request for comments to the Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company’s petition seeking approval of a program call “Now is the Time to Choose”.

Patriot Energy welcomes MECO’s efforts to facilitate a successful transition from the standard offer program to a robust competitive supply market available to all consumers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as an alternative to default service.

Patriot Energy provides an essential service to utility customers in a competitive energy market and allows customers to make an educated decision about their energy supplier. Such services include discussing the differences between energy suppliers, pricing plans, regulatory developments, credit issues, billing and more.

While individual energy suppliers provide customers with information concerning their particular services and the terms and conditions thereof, Patriot Energy provides customers with a balanced and broad discussion of the different services provided in the competitive market.

It is Patriot Energy’s position that consumers will be better served if they are encouraged to contact independent brokers in lieu of a supplier to provide a balanced assessment of the various supplier offerings. Therefore, Patriot Energy hereby requests that MECO consider including its name and contact information in letters, bill messages and inserts to customers rather than providing such customers with the names of only a select group of suppliers.

Patriot Energy’s most important service is its ability to help customers make an informed decision about their energy supplier and the terms and conditions thereof and we thank the Department for the opportunity of expressing our views.

Very truly yours,

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